GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1012
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2000
TOBACCO BOARD
RAJESH RANJAN (PAPPU YADAV)

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the Tobacco Board was constituted alongwith the purpose thereof;

(b) the manner in which Tobacco Board is helping the tobacco producers in the country particularly in Bihar;

(c) whether there is any proposal to close the Tobacco Board and to allow the private parties to trade in tobacco; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : The Tobacco Board was constituted by an Act of Parliament, Tobacco Board Act, 1975 (4 of 1975) and it came into existence from 1.1.1976 with the objective of the development, under the control of Union, of the tobacco industry by regulating the production and curing of virginia tobacco.

(b) : FCV is not produced in Bihar.

(c) : There is no such proposal.

(d) : Does not arise.